



A PROCLAMATION,

For a Solemn National Monthly Fast.



WILLIAM and MARY, by the Grace of G O D, King and Queen of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defenders of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and severally, specially Constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch, as several Synods, and others of this Church, have Applied to the Lords of Our Privy Council, that they would Interpose their Authority, for Indicting and Keeping a Solemn National Fast and Humiliation, in all the Kirks and Meeting-Houses of this Our Antient Kingdom, to Implore the Blessing of the Lord upon Us in Our Counsels and Undertakings, in Defense of the True Reformed Religion, and of these Lands, and Relief of the Oppressed Abroad; And especially, That G O D would Countenance Us in the present War, Preserving Our Royal Person, and giving Success to Our Arms by Sea and Land, and Preserve and Establish the Protestant Religion at Home and Abroad. Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Do hereby Command and Enjoyn, That the said Solemn Fast and Humiliation, for the Ends above set down, be Religiously observed by all Persons within this Kingdom, both in Churches and Meeting-Houses, upon the Twenty fifth Day of *May* next, being the last *Wednesday* of that Month, and thereafter Monthly, upon the last *Wednesday* of each Month untill the last *Wednesday* of *September* next *inclusive*: And Ordains all Ministers, either in Kirks or Meeting-Houses, to Read these Presents Publickly from the Pulpit, a *Sunday* or two before the first Day appointed for Keeping the said Fast and Humiliation, and upon a *Sunday* before each last *Wednesday*, during the space foresaid. And to the effect that this so necessary and Religious a Duty, may be publickly performed, and punctually observed, and Our Pleasure in the Premises known: O U R W I L L I S, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and in Our Name and Authority, make Publication of the Premises, that none may pretend Ignorance. And We Ordain Our Solicitor to Dispatch Copies hereof, to the Sheriffs of the several Shires and Stewarts of the Stewartries, and their Deputes or Clerks, to be by them Published at the Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs, upon Receipt thereof, and immediatly sent to the several Ministers, both in Kirks and Meeting-Houses, To the effect they may Read, and Intimat the same from their Pulpits, and may seriously Exhort all Persons to a Sincere and Devote Observance thereof, as they will be answerable at their Peril. And Ordains these Presents to be Printed, and Published in manner foresaid.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the twenty first Day of April. And of Our Reign, the fourth Year, 1692.



*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii
In Supplimentum Signeti.*

DA, MONCREIF, *Clk. Sti. Concilii*

G O D Save King William and Queen Mary.

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